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TO MR WILLIAM S PAMPEL MELLON BANK PITTSBURG
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SUBJECT:

.PURSUANT TO YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. SARTORIUS, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPLY BY CHARGE LEE T. STULL, AMERICAN EMBASSY MANILA TO JULY 1 TELEX TO STULL FROM MELLON BANK CHAIRMAN HIGGINS:

QUOTE: I VERY MUCH REGRET LEARNING FROM YOU AND YOUR MANILA REPRESENTATIVE OF EXTRAORDINARY REFUSAL OF PHILIPPINE BENEFICIARY TO RETURN MISTAKEN TRANSFER. I IMMEDIATELY CONTACED SECRETARY VIRATA, WHO ASSURED ME THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP AND PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNSEL. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN URGENTLY SEEKING TO REACH GOVERNOR LICAROS FURTHER TO REINFORCE YOUR SIGNALS AND TO OBTAIN APPRAISAL CONCERNING NEXT STEPS AND PROSPECTS. WE, OF COURSE, ALSO HAVE TALKED SEVERAL TIMES WITH BOB FANSLER AND WE MET TODAY WITH HIM AND LOCAL MELLON COUNSEL.

2. YOUR PEOPLE HERE SEEM RELUCTANT TO TAKE MATTER TO COURT
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AT THIS JUNCTURE AND APPEAR TO BE RELYING HEAVILY UPON MORAL SUASION AND PERSONAL PRESSURE. I NOTE ALSO THAT YOU HAVE SENT TELEX TO PRESIDENT MARCOS, AND THAT YOU HAVE APPEALED TO FEDERAL RESERVE WALLICH, WHO IN TURN HAS CONTACTED VIRATA.
3. WE, OF COURSE, WILL CONTINUE INQUIRIES AND CONSULTATIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE. MEANWHILE WE HAVE SOME

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RESERVATIONS ABOUT EFFICACY AND APPROPRIATENESS AT THIS STAGE OF ALL OUT LAST RESORT MEASURE SUGGESTED YOUR MESSAGE.

4. I ASSURE YOU WE WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNSEL ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS FOR ACHIEVING WHATEVER MAY BE POSSI0LE HERE. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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